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INFO AMCONSUL FRANKFURT

C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 1482

E. O. 11652 GDS

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SUBJECT: TAMPERING WITH " A " POUCHES

REF: STATE 55306

1. GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN STATE 55306 APPRECIATED. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, DESIRES DEPT CONSIDER FOLLOWING MINOR MODIFICATIONS FOR CITED REASONS:

2. EMBASSY ASSUMES FRANKFURT IS ALSO AUTHORIZED INCLUDE UNCLASSIFIED OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE IN WARSAW- DESTINED COURIER POUCH ORIGINATING FROM OTHER F. S. POSTS. FRANKFURT IS USED BY BONN, LONDON, PARIS, VIENNA AND NUMEROUS OTHER F. S. POSTS AS CHANNELING POINT OF CONSIDERABLE TIMELY UNCLASSIFIED OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE DESTINED FOR WARSAW.

3. THE VOLUME OF PERSONAL MAIL ARRIVING FRANKFURT VIA APO SHOULD SHOW A SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE AS EMBASSY PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN REQUESTED TO USE STATE DEPT ADDRESS RATHER THAN FRANKFURT APO ADDRESS. EMBASSY, HOWEVER, REQUESTS THAT PERSONAL MAIL CONTINUING TO ARRIVE FRANKFURT VIA APO AND THRU EUROPEAN INTERNATIONAL MAIL CHANNELS FROM DEPENDENTS AND ACQUAINTANCES IN EUROPE CONTINUE TO BE FORWARDED IN FRANKFURT'S UNCLASSIFIED APO POUCHES TO WARSAW RATHER THAN HAVING FRANKFURT FORWARD THIS MAIL TO DEPT FOR " A " POUCH RELAY TO WARSAW. EMBASSY BELIEVES LATTER NOT FEASIBLE SINCE EUROPEAN CORRESPONDENTS USED INTERNATIONAL MAIL WHICH DOES NOT QUALIFY FOR APO TRANSMISSION.

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4. IN SPITE OF USE BY EMBASSY AND DEPT OF HEAT- SEALED PLASTIC " A" POUCH CONTAINERS EMBASSY HAS NUMEROUS WARSAW- BOUND DEPT LETTER MAIL ENVELOPES AND SOME WASHINGTON- BOUND LETTER ENVELOPES WHICH THE EMBASSY IS CONVENCED HAVE BEEN OPENED AND RESEALED, ALMOST CERTAINLY BY POLISH AGENCIES. THE EMBASSY IS FORWARDING A SELECTION OF THESE ENVELOPES UNDER SEPARATE COVER TO DEPT FOR EXPERT EXAMINATION. ALL ENVELOPES BEING FORWARDED FOR EXAMINATION WERE DISPATCHED AND RECEIVED IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS.

5. WE HAVE NO DOUBT THAT UNCLASSIFIED MAIL ARRIVING IN PLASTIC CONTAINERS (AS WELL, OF COURSE, AS THAT ARRIVING FROM FRANKFURT) IS BEING OPENED. WE BELIEVE THAT AFTER THE EXPERTS HAVE EXAMINED THE EVIDENCE THE DEPT WILL REACH SIMILAR CONCLUSIONS. AT THAT POINT, ASSUMING THIS TO BE THE CASE, WE WOULD STRONGLY URGE THAT THE DEPT GIVE RENEWED CONSIDERATION TO OUR REQUEST THAT PERSONAL MAIL BE INCLUDED IN COURIER POUCHES.

6. CERTAIN RECIPIENTS OF UNCLASSIFIED MAIL FROM WARSAW WHO ARE CURRENTLY IN THE DEPT MAY BE IN A POSITION TO BE HELPFUL BY TURING OVER ENVELOPES RECENTLY RECEIVED FROM WARSAW. PLEASE LET US KNOW WHOM THEY MAY CONTACT AND WE SHALL ADVISE THEM ACCORDINGLY.
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